Mr C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

(5) The remuneration may be increased in proportion to the heavy work now involved.

Reply of Government.—The question of giving scholarships to the sons of village officers will be considered in the Education Department.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Discontinuance of the payment of Miras to the village servants, *i.e.*, *tolis*, *talvars*, and *nirgantis*.

Mr. A. Ramanuja Iyengar, Kunigal Taluk.

Note.—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Increase of the pay of the officials of the Revenue Department.

Mr. Gopalaswami Iyer, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The Revenue department is the mainstay of the Government; but the pay and prospects of the officials and menials of all grades are very low. In almost every other department, the pay and prospects have recently been improved. As the welfare of the people and the usefulness of other departments of Government depend to a large extent on the Revenue department, the scale of pay in all the grades in this department may be revised.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 57.

Speedy disposal of darkhasts.

Mr. Lingegowda, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The records connected with applications for gomal and kharab lands are submitted for sanction of Government and about three or four years' time is taken up for passing final orders, thereby causing loss not only to the raiyat but also to Government. Deputy Commissioners may be authorised to dispose of such darkhasts.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 58.

Revision of the statement relating to darkhasts for gomal lands.

Messrs. Krishnamurti and Maralu Siddappa, Arsikere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Darkhasts for gomal and kharab lands are rejected on the ground that assessed waste lands are available in the village as noted by the shekdar against column 16 of the Memorandum. Such assessed waste lands are in a majority of cases unfit for cultivation and far away from the village. Column 16 of the Memorandum may be eliminated, as it is not the intention of Government to discourage darkhasts for gomal and kharab lands.

Reply of Government.—Not necessary. Each case is disposed of on its merits.

SUBJECT No. 59.

Grant of assessed waste lands free or at a small upset price.

Mr. Puttasaine Gowda, Malvalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Darkhasts for assessed waste lands are presented mostly by landless and poor people. Such lands are always sold by public auction and they are generally purchased by the rich people and thus the poor darkhastdars are left in a helpless condition. Assessed waste lands may be granted either free or at a small upset price of Re. 1, Rs. 5 and 10 for an acre of dry, garden and wet land, respectively.